

Poverty

- In Kentucky, 15.8% of persons are in poverty, 17.3% of persons in the TENCO WIA are in poverty. Poverty for families is slightly less than for persons, 12.7% and 13.4% respectively (Kentucky, TENCO). For most types of family and work experience, poverty rates are slightly higher in TENCO than in Kentucky. One notable exception is female householders with no spouse present who worked full-time.
- Married-couple families are less likely to be in poverty than other families, 9.3% vs. 31.0%, in TENCO. Approximately one-fifth of families are not comprised of married-couples. For 'other families' where the householder worked full-time, the poverty rate is lower, 7.6% for male householders and 8.1% for female householders.
- The first chart on the next page shows the percentage of people below poverty by family type and work experience. It's of no surprise that very few married-couple families with both the householder and spouse working full-time, year-round are in poverty, 0.3% in Kentucky.
- In TENCO, 15.7% of persons aged 18-64 were in poverty in 1999 (Census 2000). For children, the poverty rate was 22.9% and for those over the age of 65, 14.7% were in poverty.

Poverty status in 1999 by family type and work experience of householder

	Kentucky				TENCO WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
Total families:	1,110,426	969,907	140,519	12.7%	56,053	48,525	7,528	13.4%
Married-couple family:	870,930	801,655	69,275	8.0%	45,437	41,205	4,232	9.3%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999:	497,284	487,092	10,192	2.0%	23,124	22,587	537	2.3%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	221,746	221,036	710	0.3%	9,657	9,637	20	0.2%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	154,810	152,666	2,144	1.4%	7,298	7,221	77	1.1%
Spouse did not work in 1999	120,728	113,390	7,338	6.1%	6,169	5,729	440	7.1%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999:	167,314	149,004	18,310	10.9%	10,106	8,724	1,382	13.7%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	49,397	48,526	871	1.8%	2,580	2,512	68	2.6%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	61,761	55,226	6,535	10.6%	3,798	3,272	526	13.8%
Spouse did not work in 1999	56,156	45,252	10,904	19.4%	3,728	2,940	788	21.1%
Householder did not work in 1999:	206,332	165,559	40,773	19.8%	12,207	9,894	2,313	18.9%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	33,054	31,062	1,992	6.0%	1,773	1,644	129	7.3%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	33,182	26,677	6,505	19.6%	2,233	1,732	501	22.4%
Spouse did not work in 1999	140,096	107,820	32,276	23.0%	8,201	6,518	1,683	20.5%
Other family:	239,496	168,252	71,244	29.7%	10,616	7,320	3,296	31.0%
Male householder, no wife present:	56,411	45,824	10,587	18.8%	2,477	1,922	555	22.4%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	28,563	27,097	1,466	5.1%	1,087	1,004	83	7.6%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	13,137	9,767	3,370	25.7%	648	476	172	26.5%
Householder did not work in 1999	14,711	8,960	5,751	39.1%	742	442	300	40.4%
Female householder, no husband present:	183,085	122,428	60,657	33.1%	8,139	5,398	2,741	33.7%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	68,199	61,709	6,490	9.5%	2,812	2,584	228	8.1%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	53,433	28,541	24,892	46.6%	2,302	1,130	1,172	50.9%
Householder did not work in 1999	61,453	32,178	29,275	47.6%	3,025	1,684	1,341	44.3%

Poverty status in 1999 by age

	Kentucky				TENCO WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
All Persons:	3,927,047	3,305,951	621,096	15.8%	190,529	157,594	32,935	17.3%
Under 5 years	261,914	201,590	60,324	23.0%	11,640	8,714	2,926	25.1%
5 years	52,707	41,160	11,547	21.9%	2,314	1,821	493	21.3%
6 to 11 years	332,125	261,850	70,275	21.2%	15,212	11,595	3,617	23.8%
12 to 17 years	331,489	270,088	61,401	18.5%	16,106	12,791	3,315	20.6%
18 to 64 years	2,472,272	2,122,200	350,072	14.2%	118,901	100,192	18,709	15.7%
65 to 74 years	271,101	237,961	33,140	12.2%	15,225	13,165	2,060	13.5%
75 years and over	205,439	171,102	34,337	16.7%	11,131	9,316	1,815	16.3%

Source: Census 2000 (SF 3, PCT60 and P87)